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The 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens
Saturday, July 11, 2009, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Washington, D.C. - On Saturday, July 11, 2009 Rock Creek Park will be celebrating the 145th anniversary event of the Battle of Fort Stevens. The Battle of Fort Stevens was the only battle to occur in Washington, D.C. during the Civil War. This is the only time a sitting president came under enemy fire and President Abraham Lincoln nearly lost his life from Confederate sharpshooters. The July 11th event will occur at Fort Stevens Park, which is located at 13th & Quackenbos Streets, NW. Attendees will be transported back in time and introduced to the heroic stories of those who defended Washington, DC during the Civil War through a series of dramatic, historic, and musical presentations. Additional activities include: a Civil War encampment, marching and drilling demonstrations, Signal Corps Demonstration and children's activity tables.

Additionally, a special commemorative wreath-laying event will occur at 3:00 PM at Battleground National Cemetery, which is located at 6625 Georgia Avenue, NW. After a decade long research project into this resting place of the fallen defenders of Washington, DC, it was discovered that five of the headstones for these fallen heroes were mislabeled. Come learn the never told stories of these five fallen defenders of yesteryear as we pay tribute to their bravery and sacrifices.

Parking is limited. Free shuttle bus service to the Fort and Cemetery will be provided at the Rock Creek Park Nature Center (5200 Glover Road, NW). For more information, please contact the Rock Creek Park Nature Center at 202-895-6070.

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